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GENEVA FOR CSCE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: CSCE: VIEWS BY SOME NATO AMBASSADORS

1. CSCE DEVELOPMENTS CAME UP BOTH IN SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS THAT BRITISH AMBASSADOR AND I RECENTLY HAD WITH GERARD ANDRE, FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO FINLAND WHO PRESENTLY HEAD OF FRENCH CSCE DELEGATION, AND AT FEB 12 NATO AMBASSADORS' LUNCHEON ATTENDED BY BELGIAN, BRITISH, CANADIAN, DUTCH, FRG AND NORWEGIAN AMBASSADORS.

2. ANDRE WAS VERY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS AT GENEVA STAGE II TALKS. HE FEELS THAT SOVIETS ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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BEING MORE OBSTINATE THAN EVER. ANDRE SEES THE

POSSIBILITY THAT FRENCH WILL WITHHOLD FINAL AGREEMENT  
IF THERE IS NOT CONSIDERABLY MORE PROGRESS THAN IS  
CASE AT PRESENT. HE ALSO MADE POINT THAT WHILE TURKS  
AND GREEKS VERY QUIET AT THIS TIME, THEY CERTAINLY WILL  
NOT SIGN ANY AGREEMENT AS LONG AS CYPRUS ISSUE IS  
NOT SETTLED.

3. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE HAS BEEN ASKED TO  
HEAD UP THEIR CSCE DELEGATION AGAIN, BUT HAS REFUSED  
ON BASIS THAT IN HIS ESTIMATION IT IS A WASTE OF TIME.  
HE STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN THERE SEVERAL MONTHS AND  
NOTHING HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE  
COULD NOT, WITH CLEAR CONSCIENCE, SIGN AN AGREEMENT  
WHERE HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM WAS NOT RESOLVED.

4. DUTCH AMBASSADOR CLAIMED THAT DUTCH CSCE DELEGATION  
IS NOT IN ANY FRAME OF MIND TO COOPERATE AS LONG AS  
SOVIETS MAKE NO MEANINGFUL CONCESSIONS, PARTICULARLY  
IN AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND CONTACTS.

5. GERMAN AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT HIS GOVERNMENT  
HAD NOT GIVEN FINAL AGREEMENT TO PRINCIPLE ON INVIO-  
ABILITY OF BORDERS, AND WAS UNLIKELY TO DO SO ON  
BASIS OF WHAT HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED SO FAR IN OTHER  
AREAS OF CSCE MATTERS.

6. SEVERAL OF AMBASSADORS FELT THAT SOVIETS  
MIGHT BE STONE-WALLING BECAUSE BREZHNEV'S POSITION  
IN KREMLIN HIERARCHY IS UNCLEAR AND THAT SOVIET  
DELEGATION MAY THEREFORE IN ACTUAL FACT BE WITHOUT  
ANY CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS.

7. CONSENSUS AMONG ALLIED AMBASSADORS WAS THAT  
FINAL STAGE III WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE BEFORE  
SEPTEMBER, AND SOME QUESTION WHETHER IT WOULD  
EVER COME ABOUT.

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